TO THE

Camp of Israel,

(Whom he hath brought up out of the Land of *Egypt*, by a mighty hand and outstretched Arm)

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QUAKERS,

IN

ENGLAND,

(Or elsewhere upon the face of the Earth)

A *Visitation* and *dear Salutation* from the breathings of the Life of a true JEW, in the tender Love of the God of *Jacob*.

Given forth in the remembrance of his Mercies of old (which continually endureth for ever) By

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MY dearly beloved Friends, Brethren and Sisters, who are of the stock of *Abraham*, and Seed of *Israel*, who are brought, and bringing forth of the Land of darkness, and house of bondage, by the out-stretched Arm of the Almighty *Jehovah*, to follow him who is an everlasting Light, into the Heavenly Land of rest and peace, which endureth for ever; who are of *Caleb* & *Joshua's* spirit, wholly resigned to do or suffer the Wil of God in all things in your generation, who are the true Israelites indeed, without guile, partiality or hypocrisie, the *chosen generation*, the Royal Priesthood, zealous for God & good works, & valiant for the Truth upon earth, who can forsake all to follow the Lamb in his footsteps of patience, long-suffering, love and meekness, wisdom and fear, bearing all things, enduring all things, hoping always in God, and rejoicing in tribulations, glorying in nothing saving in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, resolving in his strength with purpose of heart to cleave fast unto the Lord, though your outward man perish or be offered up as a living sacrifice for his holy Name and Truth: I say, that you truly are my brethren and sisters; I have no greater joy than to sit down with you, and feed with you at your Table, which indeed is no less then the Table of the Lord which he hath spread for us; yea, even when we were in the Wilderness did he give us Manna from Heaven, Angels food, and water out of the Rock which then followed us, blessed for ever be the Lord and the remembrance of his Name. And when I call to mind these things, and the multitude of his mercies and endlesse compassions which he shewed towards us in the days of our infancy, when he took us by the hand, and taught us to go; my

bowels are turned within me, and I am melted before the Lord. O *Israel*, what hath thy God done for thee! Stand ſtil a little, and conſider how he hath dealt with thee in the days paſt, whether he hath dealt ſo with any Nation; how he hath made Rivers in the Deſart, and the dry Land to become ſprings of Water: How hath he filled the hungry with good things, and ſent the rich empty away! He hath brought down the mighty from their ſeats, and exalted them of low degree: He hath made the Wilderneſs a fruitful field, and turned the fruitful Land into barrenneſſe, becauſe of the iniquity of them that dwelt therein. He hath divided the ſea, and made it ſtand on heaps while his choſen Remnant paſſeth over, He hath overthrown the horſe and his Rider; he hath piereed Leviathan, and bruiſed the head of the crooked Serpent, and broken the great teeth and jaws of the wicked; he hath delivered from the mouth of the Lyon, and from the paw of the Bear, and from the uncircumciſed Philiſtins: He hath made the Lame to leap as an Hart and the Tongue of the dumb to ſing. He hath ſet the ſolitary in Families, and is leading *Joſeph* like a Flock, and making him Ruler over *Egypt*, the Land of darkneſs. O magnifie the Name of the Lord all ye children of *Iſrael*, and let the inhabitants of the Rock ſing for joy, for great and marvellous things hath the Lord done for his people; he hath raiſed the dead, and brought *Lazarus* from the grave: He hath opened the eyes of the born blind; he hath cleanſed the Lepers, and caſt out Devils, and they are gone into the Herd of Swine. He hath fed a great multitude with a little portion, and yet much remains. He hath cured the daughter of *Abraham* which was bowed down many years. He hath ſtopt the running iſſue, which all the Phyſicians of no value could never do. He hath made a Hedge about *Job*, and delivered juſt *Lot* out of *Sodom*, and brought him to *Zoar*.

Theſe things hath the Lord of Life done among us, of which we are eye-witneſſes, and his own Arm hath brought ſalvation, and hath wrought all our Works in us, and for us, which none other man could do. O praiſe the Lord for ever, all ye that have breath in the Land of the living, and let the ſons of *Jacob* have him and his works in everlaſting remembrance. If we forget his mercies ſhewed unto *Zion*, and his wonders in

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deep, let our right hand forget her cunning: If I forget thee, *O Jerusalem*, and what thy God hath done for thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth: But how is my soul become as a watered Garden, in brokenness and humility before the Lord God of our salvation, when I call to mind his tender mercies and dealings of old; and when *I* remember the Wormwood and the Gall, and how there was none found worthy in Heaven nor Earth to open the *Book*, and to loose the seals, neither to look thereon, but the Lamb which had been slain; then was the time of weeping and of great mourning, as in the Valley of *Haddadrimmon*; yea even apart in the Wilderness and solitary places. O Lord God, shall thy people ever forget these things, and thy wonders upon the Land of *Egypt*, which thou wroughtest for thy Seeds sake, and the great salvation which thou hast shewed to *Israel*? Shall there ever be an image made, or the likeness of any thing in Heaven or in Earth, to be bowed down to, but thy Name alone, which is and shall be exalted above every Name, in which thy babes and children have found comfort, strength and safety to this day? *Or* shall any thing sit in thy Judgement-seat with thee, but that which overcometh, and is thy Son? is not all power in Heaven and Earth, and all Judgement committed to him in whose mouth is found no guile, who is meek and lowly in heart, who loosed the seals, and opened the Book, and did prevail, and hath prevailed over the Dragon and his Angels; who makes war in righteousness, and in it goes on conquering and to conquer: who hath the Keys of Death and of Hell. Therefore let your eyes be alone unto him, O ye followers of the Lamb, and fear not man, neither look unto man whose breath is in his nostrils; but be valiant for the Truth upon Earth, which endureth for ever. Follow your Captain, even of your salvation, ye White-Horse-men, who are of the Armies that are in Heaven, whose clothing is white and clean, and your Armor the whole Armor of Light, having on the ornament of a meek, quiet and patient spirit, which is of great price in the sight of God, though in it you appear as fools in the sight of men: You are of that Troop which shall overcome at the last, though you seem as to the outward appear-

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ance, to be overcome and trampled under foot for a season, for the exercise and trial of your faith and patience, through which God is bringing his Lambs nearer to his bosom, though their face is marred more then any mans, and their form more then the sons of men. But the Lord of Hosts is with you, and the shout of a King is among you, which shall make Nations to tremble, and the beasts of the field to flye before him. The Lyon of the Tribe of *Judah* hath roared out of *Zion*, and hath uttered his voice from his holy Temple *New-Jerusalem*, and he it is that must get the victory, and have the dominion and reign, til all his Enemies are become his footstool. This is the Lords doing, and this Work he wil accomplish by his own arm; therefore lift up your heads ye babes and suckling children of the most High, and be bold in the strength of the Almighty, and in it be very couragious in this the day of his power: Feel *Caleb* and *Joshua's* spirit stirred up, which saith, *We will go on, the Lord will go before us, and he will fight our battels, and we shall prevail*: For the *B*attel is the Lords, the Work is the Lords, and he wil accomplish it; the day is his, the set-time is come, and the victory is and must be his: Here you dwel in the pure sence and feeling of the noble Plant of renown, the right Seed, which wil wholly follow the Lord; this his soul takes pleasure in, and he wil never forsake it, though a Woman may forsake her child; this will never draw back because of persecutions, threatnings or fiery tryals, Fornace or Den of Lyons; but puts on the whole Armour of God; and is clad with zeal as with a Cloak, and sets its face like a Flint, because of truth, and because of righteousnesse: This is the Royal birth which God hath raised and wil raise, to whom the Kingdom and Dominion belongs for evermore; it's against this the enmity is; the Devil and the Dragons malice is against this Child, after its *B*lood the Whore, Beast, Dragon and false Prophet have thirsted from *Cain* unto this day: This is the Lamb that hath been slain from the foundation of the World. This is the holy Child against whom *Herod* and *Pilate*, and all the *Rulers* took counsel in all ages against the holy Child; not so much against Profession is their aim, but at the Life and holy *B*irth it self, which is born and manifest in flesh, which hath been the my-

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stery hidden from ages and generations, but now is, and shall be manifest more and more through all these tryals and shakings, to the ends of the earth. This is he whose Vesture is dipt in blood, whom the Armies in Heaven follow; in heaven, not in earth, or of the earth are his Armies; but in heaven, making War in righteousnesse and holinesse, patience & long-suffering: This is his heavenly Army that shal overcome with him, and get the victory over the Beast, the Dragon, the Whore and the false Prophet; the Lord God that lives for ever hath spoken it: The Lamb must overcom, and the Kingdom, and the greatnes of it shall be given to the Saints of the most high, and they shall possess it even to the end.

Therefore fear not ye little Flock, whose breathing hearts are upright before God, Angels and men, who have the witnes in you, that you seek nothing but Truth, Righteousnesse and Peace with God and Man, and have no end but the glory of God and the exaltation of his Name, by the raising of his Seed, and the salvation of the souls of the children of men, whose feeding is in the green pastures, which lie in the low Valleys by the stil Waters of *Shiloh* which run softly. The Lord is with you, though you are as Worms in your own eyes, and are ready to say with *Mary*, *How can this be, seeing I know not a man*! I have no might, power, wisdom, strength or ability of my own. Be but the Virgin, wholly resigned into the Wil of God, with thine eye single, fixt in thy head, & the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: And the Kingdom of God consisteth in power, righteousnesse and joy in the holy Ghost, into which the wise Virgins enter, who are the followers of the Lamb (in whose mouth is found no guile) through the great tribulations; these are the true *Israelites* indeed, not only in word, but in deed and in truth. These follow him in the regeneration, and have the white Robes and the Palms given unto them. These sing the new song which no man could learn but they that are redeemed from the Earth. These sit in the heavenly places with Christ Jesus, upon twelve Thrones judging the twelve Tribes of *Israel*. These are they that are beheaded and suffer for the Word of God, and the Testimony which they hold: Mark, they *hold* it, and do not let it go, but

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let go the Earth with the glory, treasures, delights and pleasures of it; but holds the Testimony of Jesus, and have chosen the good part with *Mary*, which endures for ever, and lets go the cumbrings with the many things, for the one only needful thing, the Word of God, which is the Word of Power, of Life, of Patience, of Reconciliation, and of Wisdom, which saves the immortal soul, which is but one Word which was in the beginning, with whom *Enoch* walked, and was translated, which is God the Judge of all, unto which we are come, and to the Heavenly *Jerusalem*, the City of the living God, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, where is no occasion of stumbling, but God is the Judge of all, who brings the hidden things to light; but before this is witnessed, there may be stumbling and occasions of stumbling, and a Judgement may be given (before the Lord come) in the unjust mans spirit, which is for Judgement. But take heed of this thing, I charge, and also beseech thee, O *Israel*, in the Word of the Lord that liveth and abideth for ever, as thou loveſt his holy Name, the peace and prosperity of *Jerusalem*, and the welfare of thine own soul: But live in the Word of Wisdom and true Authority and patience of the Lamb, and dwell with God the Judge of all, in whose righteous Judgement, and before whose Throne judge thy self, and let the beam be plucked out of every eye that would presume to judge before the time; and let the dread of the Lord be before it; for it is a fearful thing to usurp Authority over Christ Jesus, which is the man that must judge the World in righteousness, and the people with Truth, who saith to his Disciples, *Be ye merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful*: And they who are children of their Heavenly Father, are not apt to judge rashly before the time, out of his counsel, truth, power, wisdom and fear; but rather wait in patience until the Time comes (even the Lord) who bringeth the hidden things to light, having an eye to the glory of God, and the good part in all people, as well as salute the people: These have no respect of persons, neither admire mens persons for advantage sake. These are not in prejudice or evil surmizings against any, knowing God's hand is going over all these things, who is the Judg of all; for where any

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pre*judice*, respect of persons, with the beam in the eye, lodgeth in the heart of any man, in that state that man's Judgement is unjust and unrighteous, whoever he be; (I speak from God without partiality:) He hath not the mercy that God hath to the unjust; and the very Sun in the Firmament will teach that man wisdom.

Therefore my dearly beloved Friends, Brethren and Sisters, with whom I am bound up in the bundle of Life, to live and to dye in, and for the righteous Cause and Work of God, which is his Truth that endureth for ever; this is my exhortation unto you all from the least to the greatest, without respect of persons or things outward: In the bowels of unfeigned love look all at the good part which is of God in your selves, and dwel in the good part, in the remembrance of his mercies and loving-kindness which he hath shewed unto you; and shut your eyes from seeing of evil, and look only at the good part in all; then wil you answer the good part in *Jew* and *Gentile*, and the Church of God. Here you shall be able to dwel with everlasting burnings, and in the Munition of Rocks. Here ye dwell with God the Judge of all, and the spirits of just men. Here's every high imagination and every thought that would exalt self, brought down through the Judgement of God, into the obedience of Christ. Here's that unjust spirit judged which would take the neighbour or brother by the throat, or lay hands suddenly on any, which *Paul* charged *Timothy* not to do.

Therefore all ye dear children of God, keep out of that spirit, and let it not have place in you, no not for a moment; but dwell in the life and wisdom of God the Judge of all, where you wil feel the just man's spirit, which can judge and try all things, and be established in it; for I have considered that this is a day of great trials and temptations on every hand, and of the making manifest them that are approved in God's sight. It is a day which requires retiredness, fear, watchfulness and diligence, which wil keep out of being easily moved or provoked: But your hearts will come to be established in power, love, and a sound mind, in which

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your compassions will flow forth towards your brethren, and towards all men; and ye will feel mercy arise, and pitty towards Enemies: Dwelling your selves alwayes in the sense and feeling of God's Mercies, Compassions and Long-suffering towards you. I speak what I know through the exercise of my faith and patience concerning these things; and I have found, That the thought of prejudice and evil surmizing against any man or creature whatsoever, is judged with the Life of the true Seed (which lives in the bosome of God, the Judge of all, which can stand upon the Sea of Glass mingled with Fire) to be of the Enmity which came of the old crooked Serpent, the beguiler and separater from the Tree of Life: Here you'l see the Tale-bearers, which separateth very Friends, of which Wisdom spake to be very near.

The Lord open your understandings (my dear friends) for my bowels and very heart is open towards you, with desires and prayers to God for all *Israel*, That they might be saved from the Wrath which is to come as a Flood upon the ungodly and rebellious generation.

And the Lord God of Mercies and Blessings keep us all in meekness and fear, in his Spirit of Lowliness, Love and Forbearance, in tenderness, forgiving and forbearing one another, as God for Christ (his Seed's) sake hath forgiven us; shutting that eye that looks after the Moat, for that is the evil eye, the Hypocrite gone out from, and exalted above the Heir, the Life of God, to which the Judgement and the Power is committed: This shall never inherit true peace with God or Men in that state: For evil thoughts lodging, and being joined unto, defile a man, and shuts that Kingdom against him, into which no unclean thing can enter.

So my dear Friends, and all you whose faces are turned toward the Paradice of God, from the Earth, into which ye were driven by transgression: Mind these things, and let this remembrance be alwayes fresh in

you, that you bear not the Root, but the Root bear you: And this will keep you, that you shall not be high-minded, but fear; and to be little in your own eyes, as the little Child, unto whom the Kingdom of God belongs.

And this Spirit (before-mentioned) of forgiveneſs, mercies and long-ſuffering, love unfeigned, gentleneſs and patience, dwelling in the watchfulneſſe for good (in the Wiſdom of God) and not for evil, is the Spirit of the Lamb, whom the Lord hath ſaid, (and fully determined) That it ſhall proſper and ſpread through Nations, and it ſhall have dominion over them, and they ſhall bow to it, and it ſhall be a bleſſing unto many people and Nations afar off; and the everlaſting preſence and bleſſings of the Almighty ſhall accompany it for ever; and the Gates of Hell ſhall not prevail againſt it: But that which is raſh, high, heady, proud, wilful, fooliſh and ſtubborn (in which the Leven of the Phariſees lodgeth) God will lay low, and abaſe before him; and all Judgement which is not his Sons (in whom he is well-pleaſed, to whom all Judgement is committed and belongs) he will judge and condemn: And he that judgeth before he is come, who is Lord and Judge of all (and without him) God will judge.

So in the Spirit of the Lamb, dear Babes and Children of Light, go on and proſper, and be faithful and valiant for the Truth upon the Earth, keeping low in your own meaſure, every one marching in his own path; then your Ranks will not be broken; for thus is it written of the Camp of the Lord which muſt get the victory; for the Enemy is very buſie, ſtriving every way to draw forth your ſimple minds from the ſtrong hold of the Priſon of Hope. Therefore bleſſed is he that watcheth and waiteth alway at Wiſdoms gate, for there is the ſimple preſerved in meekneſs and fear, love and patience, godlineſs and brotherly kindneſs, which is the

most excellent way. This is the path where the Lyon cannot come, nor any ravenous Beast can touch this Mountain, but hee'l be struck through with the sling-stone of *David*, or a Dart of God's righteous Judgements: Here's no destroying nor hurting in all this holy Mountain, but bearing all things, enduring all things without murmuring, complaining or envying, dwelling in that love which thinks no evil: This is that Spirit of the Lamb of God which saveth souls, and overcometh or taketh away a Multitude of sins, wherein is no delight to lay open the Brother's nakedness (for that's of *Ham*'s stock, which God hath cursed for ever) but rather a secret crying to the Lord concerning such things, (O that thy Name might not suffer nor be reproached through any who profess thy everlasting Name and Truth) and can say as *Moses* did, *Blot out my Name, rather then thy Name should suffer, or be justly reproached or dishonored amongst thy people.* This is that which is raised in many, which they love more then Father, Mother, Wife, Children, House or Lands, yea, or their own Life, as God is witnesse. Here's a passage through the daily Cross, the strait gate into the place of broad Rivers, where goes no galley with Oars, but a stretching forth and swimming in the Eternal Will and Obedience of God.

So lift up your Heads, all ye tender Plants of my Heavenly Fathers own planting, from the virtue which you receive at the Root of *David*, from which the branch of Righteousness springs; and dwell in the stilness and patience, in which ye will feel the bowels of God's Love and Mercies opened in you like a Fountain, at which ye may drink and be satisfied, and rejoice in God your Saviour, in the midst of all Tryals and Tribulations, wherein ye wil have strength and boldness to confess his Name before men, even to the death, in the day when many shall hide themselves for fear, and for looking at the things which are swiftly coming

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upon the Earth. So dear Babes of God, and Children of the Stock of *Israel*, put on the whole Armour of Light, and make War in Righteousness, in the Spirit of the Lamb, in whose mouth guile is not found; this is the Captain of our Salvation, who hath left us an example, that we should follow his steps, whom looking to, and obeying, the Lord God that made Heaven and Earth will be with you, and preserve you all his dear children in and through all your tryals and tribulations, which may be suffered to come upon you for the tryal of your faith and patience, and for the purifying and cleansing his sanctuary: And this Man will be your hiding-place from the storm and from the rain, even the same which was found, the Rock, in a weary Land: And this is he that will stand the last upon the Earth, and get the Victory and Dominion over and through all, of whose Dominion and Kingdom shall be no end.

So in this the Lord God of Life, of Heaven and Earth, keep you all by his Eternal power, and establish you on the unmovable Rock of salvation, that so with one heart, mind and soul, we may glorifie the holy Name of our God in this our Day and Generation, and right walking before him, that so we may give up our account with joy, and not with grief, and have the Witness in us and for us, that we are well-pleasing in his sight, in which whether we live or dye, we shall have peace, and joy unspeakable and full of glory.

The Lord God of Life, Love and Peace; Wisdom and Righteousness, be with you all my dear Brethren and Friends, and preserve you all in his Eternal power unto his Heavenly Kingdom, there to remain, and in it to rest, when this World shall be no more.

This is given forth in the movings of the Bowels of God's Love, unto his people Israel, and in the remembrance of his mercies of old, and of his daily compassions towards them, which is as an entreaty thereby, that we may all remember and love his mercies, walking hum-

humbly before him all the dayes of your life. And to be read in your Meetings as in wisdom and conveniency of time ye have meet opportunity.

By a Companion of them that follow the Lamb through the great tribulations, for whose sake he can say he loves not his life to the death, enjoying that Love which is stronger then death: Blessed be the Name of the Lord for ever, Amen.

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